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It has not heretofore been brought to the attention of the farmers of Harrison county that the tax commission bills propose to have their farms valued just at what they are worth. In other words, if a man pays \$10,000 for a farm that is to be the assessed value of it and he must pay taxes on that amount. The tax commission, since it made no recommendations for any change in the assessment of railroad property, means for that property to be assessed just as it has been heretofore, far below its actual value. The argument is advanced that if the value of a man's farm is increased, the rate of taxation should be lower. That is true, but the reduction in the rate is far more to the interests of the railroads than to the farmer. To illustrate: If a farmer's farm is assessed at \$2,000 now and he pays 30 cents on the hundred dollars as taxes, the amount is \$6. Suppose he sells the farm for \$5,000, the actual worth of it, and the \$6 is to be raised taxes. Then the rate would be reduced to 12 cents on the hundred. Then take the railroad as an example. Suppose it is valued at \$10,000. The tax in the first instance would be \$30, but in the second there having been no change in the valuation none being provided for by law the railroad tax would be only \$12. In other words, the farmer would be required to pay just as much as he did before the law was changed while the railroad company would pay only a little more than one-third of what it did before the law was changed. Is it any wonder that the farmers should be against an inequitable measure of this sort? Before there is any change in the tax laws of this state it should be thoroughly understood that the railroads shall stand their share of the blint.

The municipal situation at Adamston is amusing, if nothing more can be said of it. Conventions of almost nightly occurrence there, whether two or three are gathered together in some one's name or an even hundred are present to boost some scheme's game. That there are tricks and tricks none have the slightest doubt. That there are tricksters is the natural result of there being tricks, or rather the tricksters come first and then the tricks. The situation is really in a more confused state than the municipal broil in New York, and yet there is but little to fight for in the Adamston campaign, unless it be an honor to go down in history as being the first municipal officers of that growing town. The state of affairs does not speak well for the judgment of the community and does not commend its ambition to do the best thing for itself. It rather looks like the town is trying to destroy itself rather than to work for self-preservation and advancement. The Telegram stated on a former occasion that this is the critical period in its history and upon the present action depends largely the future of the place. All factional jealousies and ambitions should be subordinated to a common desire to do the best thing, but this advice will likely prove itself more chaff on the wind, to be blown away and forgotten, for the reason that the rational does not seem to be in predominance there in this campaign.

The assessment of real estate the last time in this county was made in part by one who is an ardent supporter of the alleged tax reform as presented by the tax commission bills, and yet the value of real estate in this county averages a dollar less on the acre than it did in

1890. Notwithstanding this fact the advocates of the measure and especially the governor claim that Harrison county does not pay enough taxes. If not, it is the fault of their that they did not make higher assessments, and they ought not to ensure others for their own shortcomings and failure to carry out their own ideas. The proportion of the assessment is quite fair, if the Telegram is correctly informed, and that is that half is to the surface and the other half to the minerals underneath, whether the latter be developed or not. It is not the fault of the law that the assessments in Harrison county are not higher, as the advocates of the tax commission report claims they ought to be, but that of some of the alleged reformers, whose judgment seems to have been led from the standpoint they now take on the subject.

The conduct of municipal affairs this year in Clarksburg has been of a higher tone and wider in its scope than for some time. There has been an earnest desire throughout the year to better the conditions of the city, and improvements have been made along several lines. The officials have discharged their duties with earnestness and ability. In fact, while there have been some wholesome criticisms, yet there has been no cause for complaint of a serious nature and the people seem to be quite well satisfied. Conditions are such that the administration's acts are worthy of praise, and its deliberations and actions have been such as to receive the confidence of the people. There is every reason to believe there will be no radical deviation the remainder of the year from the course thus far pursued and the year will be rounded out with an administration in all the branches of the government that will have commended itself to the people.

The plans and opportunities offered by schools of correspondence are worthy of the attention and consideration of the teachers of the county. During the teaching months teachers have but little other opportunity to improve themselves and they should not fail to take advantage of what opportunities are offered especially such reputable and systematic plans as are presented by these schools of correspondence. Again, reputable educators are advancing these plans of education and it is safe to say they are all right, or such men would not be introducing them. Anyway it is the duty of the teacher to himself and the profession to investigate these methods of acquiring education and satisfy himself as to whether there are advantages to be derived by patronizing them.

The suggestion has been made, and a very good one it is, that Traders alley be converted into a market. The time will shortly be at hand when there must be a market maintained in the city, if Clarksburg is to advance and have all the necessities and essentials of a city. Since this is true, there is every reason why the proper preparation should be made. It is not enough to live in and for the present only, and the American spirit does not teach that way of living although there is much of it done. At any rate something ought to be done with the alley to make it more useful than a mere rendezvous for horse traders. It is up to the property owners and the city council to do something with it. Both can afford to make concessions for the benefit of the city.

It is wonderful how the development of any section of country, especially in industrial and commercial development causes it to be Republican in politics. It is something Democrats cannot understand, and yet it is easier than falling off a log. The policy of the Republican party is to foster industry and commerce by due protection, while the Democratic idea is to throw the gates open to the world and let the other fellows steal the fruit that is justly ours. Producers are Republicans because their products are nurtured by good laws. The laboring man appreciates the policies of the Republican party because they create and promote opportunities for him to work at more than mere living wages and afford him the privilege of laying up for a rainy day.

The City of Clarksburg extends its congratulations to Mayor Crile in advance upon his marriage tomorrow evening to a charming Fairmont young lady, and feels interested in him to the degree that all wish him unbounded and unending joy in the married state. All will welcome his bride to this city and will show her the deep regard the mayor commands by his devotion to duty and efficiency in discharge of the mayoralty.

Since the advocates of the tax commission bills claim that Harrison county property is assessed too low, it is not natural to believe that the county will break its neck in support of a plan to make it pay more.

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Brainless Babblings.

By Roman Candles.

Weston, W. Va., October 27.

"Dear Mr. Roman Candles, Esquire,
"I read with interest your last edition of Brainless Babblings. One thing especially which caused me to concentrate my mental faculties in a profound meditation upon the stupendous botanical explanation of the component parts of a certain species of plant of the vegetable kingdom, was the query, 'Why is a carrot?' I have solved this brain confusing physical mystery only after the most careful and exhaustive scientific research. A carrot is a carrot because it is a plant of the genus Daucus; especially any cultivated variety of Daucus Carota, of the parsley family Umbelliferae, a widely naturalized noxious weed with a white root, and it is therefore a carrot. But try as I may, I am unable to understand the following: 'Why is a prune?'"

Scientifically yours,
BOTANIST.

Of all the words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these, uttered on the day after election: "It might have been."

The following are clippings from the Clarksburg Telegram, 4 o'clock p. m. edition, of the issue of October 27, 1930:

NEW DEPARTMENT STORE.

Will Be Established in the Equitable Building, Which Was Sold to the Clarksburg and Wheeling Building Association.

The Equitable Insurance building, Nos. 1135 to 1153 Main street, was purchased by a new corporation known as the Clarksburg and Wheeling Building association from the Ainsworth heirs today. The consideration was \$75,550,340.00. The purchasers will remodel the first twelve stories of the building for Schlegel Schmitzel & Co., who will establish a modern department store therein. The Equitable building is one of a series of sky-scrapers built in 2001, some 89 years ago, by the Consolidated Turbine company, afterwards absorbed by the equitable company. It is twenty-seven stories in height, and built of Vermont marble and West Virginia brick.

Notes from the Capitol.

Clarksburg, W. Va., Oct. 27, 1930.
The secretary of state today granted a charter to the Buyers and Sellers State bank, capital stock \$750,000,000.00. This is the seventeenth state bank for Clarksburg.

The governor has commissioned Jimmie-Winkle-dogs-Eye a notary public. Commissions were granted to 273 applicants.

One of the clerks in the bureau of statistics discovered a peculiar paper of undoubtedly antique origin this morning while ransacking an old desk. It is probably a very valuable specimen, and will be sent to the Clarksburg Smithsonian Institute. The paper has faint writing upon it as though made by a steel pen, a writing instrument commonly in use in the early part of the nineteenth century. A date line is barely distinguishable, but the rest of the manuscript is too faint to decipher. The date line is "P.-kersburg, W. Va." and it is presumed it is an old official document sent to the state building from the ancient town of Parkersburg, W. Va., which history tells us was situated at the con-

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fluence of the Little Kanawha and Ohio rivers at that remote period of antiquity. Parkersburg fell in 1853, being captured by the West Unionites. The town was afterwards razed and a bone-yard erected on the site.

RUN DOWN IN SUBWAY.

J. S. Martin Was Deaf in One Ear and Did Not Hear Approaching Train. Wheels Ground Body to Pieces.

James Snodgrass Martin, thirteen, employed as manager of the Snowden Museum at No. 35046 East 125th street, was killed in the underground railway at the 120th street landing this morning at 8 o'clock. He stepped out on the steel rails in an endeavor to cross the third track, and was run down by the Lynnwood avenue motor cars. He was deaf in the right ear and did not hear the clanging of the automatic conductor-signaling bell. The body was terribly mangled before the automatic stopping mechanism could bring the train to a stop. Martin was single and is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie-on-the-Spot Martin, of Avondale addition to Glenville, just west of the Thirteenth ward. The remains were conveyed to the Morgue company's undertaking parlors and prepared for burial. The funeral occurred at 11 o'clock at the West Virginia cemetery, the remains being conveyed there by the aeromatic flying machine funeral cars.

It's two to one that the "Bald Eagle" ticket will win out in the Adamston campaign.

On an ordinarily still night those "whisperings" which we read so much about in the Adamston communications can be heard in town as far as the court house.

The New York Charnel and the New York World have been taking private "municipal election."

The Charnel is the official Tammany tool, the World bellows for Low. Saturday evening both papers came out with their electoral prognostications. The World says Low will be elected by many thousands. The Charnel says that McClellan will be elected by many thousands. And there you are. Oh, this journalistic saftron is simply killing!

Grand jury reported Friday morning at half past eight. Syrus Evans, who is in jail, was indicted for cutting and stabbing with intent to kill, and wound, also for assault with intent to kill. Claude Courtney for an assault with intent to rob. Charles Cordell for burglary and larceny. George Hysell assault and battery. These parties are all in jail. There are other indictments which cannot be published—Gallipolis Daily Journal.

Ye Gods! This is the first time we ever heard of an indictment being obscene.

DISH WASHING MARVEL

Costly and Elaborate Patent Dishwashing Machine Installed in Traders Hotel Kitchen.—Extensive Improvements Being Made.

Colonel T. B. Seely, the genial proprietor of the Traders hotel, is having some extensive improvements made at his hostelry. A new cloak room is being constructed by a force of carpenters, which will be used for the accommodation of hotel guests. Coats, wraps, etc., will be locked up and a baggage man will be in charge to look after them. Among the other new improvements that have already been installed is a new patent dish-washing machine, which will do the work of twenty-four persons. It is a very costly affair, but its operation is so simple that a mere child can run it. Other costly improvements are to be installed in the kitchen and dining room in the near future.

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